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HOPKINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2009

@ HAROLD MARTIN SCHOOL, MAIN STREET, HOPKINTON, NH

Present were: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Derek Owen, Erick Leadbeater, Todd Aubertin, Tim White and Jed Merrow.

Meeting called to order at 1933 EST by Chair Derek Owen.

1. Minutes of the 11/17/09 HCC meeting were approved as written.
2. Bohanon Farm Easement approval at the 12/05/09 special Town Meeting discussed.

(Hopkinton voters overwhelmingly decided to buy more than 440 acres of conservation easements surrounding a large family farm in the town at a special Town Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 5. The measure passed 662-228. More than 917 people, or about 20 percent of the town's registered voters, came out to weigh in on the measure to draw \$360,000 from the Open Space Bond to purchase easements on three parcels of land at the Bohanan Farm, situated upstream and downstream from Tyler Bridge.

http://cs.newhampshire.com/blogs/hopkinton_news/archive/2009/12/09/Hopkinton-voters-approve-land-purchases.aspx)

A big thanks you to all HCC members and especially to the long hard work of the open space committee, whose untiring efforts made this possible.

Motion was made and discussed re the HCC authorizing the \$50,000 payment for our portion of the Bohanan Easement Purchase at the appropriate time to the appropriate party. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Budget report by Jed Merrow. Interest rate on our accounts was discussed. Is this the best the Town Treasurer can do? 06/23/09 transfer of \$7,500 for Bohanan appraisal (see minutes of April 14, 2009) is to be reimbursed. Jed and Ron will check on this. Rest of budget sheet looks OK.
4. HCC annual reports are due in Town Hall January 22, 2010.
5. DRED letter re timber harvest on 91 A. of Mast Yard SF. Town Line Road will be improved by the logging company.
6. Open Space Report: Possible warrant article at March 2010 Town Meeting to rescind the 2003 Open Space Bond. Discussion followed. HCC will monitor the upcoming 2010 Town Meeting agenda with the Open Space Committee and decide appropriate action as needed.
7. Item # 3 on the 11/17/09 minutes was discussed. The area is apparently in the "middle" of the Herrick Property at Burnham Interval. Does this project fall under the terrain alteration provisions of DES? See:
<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/aot/index.htm>
8. Possibility of a Town Agriculture Commission was discussed. Erick will send us information, so that we may discuss this at our January 19, 2010 meeting.

9. Erick reports that the regular student conservation camps are on “hold” for this summer. Discussion followed. We will revisit this in the future.
10. Possibilities of future HCC organized “field trips” for school children and their parents to Town Conservation parcels discussed. See NH shoreline protection act at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/cspa/index.htm>
Click on: Do You Live by a Lake, River or Tidal Water? [A Summary of 2008 Shoreland Protection Act Microsoft Word Symbol](#)

Meeting adjourned at 2040EST. Thanks Jed for great cookies and juice. Next meeting is January 19, 2010 at Harold Martin School. Erick Leadbeater is host?
Respectfully submitted,

Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary